



**Global Environment Facility (GEF):**  
**Fisheries and Aquaculture opportunities and experiences**

**Tuesday 1 February 12.30-14.00**  
**Austria Room (C-237)**

You are cordially invited to attend a COFI Side Event to hear about GEF and opportunities for financing in the fisheries and aquaculture sector.

- What is GEF?
- Opportunities (and conditions) for mobilizing GEF resources and FAO's role as one of the GEF Agencies?
- Climate change adaptation, NAPAs and related funding opportunities
- FAO-GEF collaboration and examples of past, present and planned work with GEF:
  - Bycatch in shrimp trawl fisheries
  - Large Marine Ecosystems (Bay of Bengal, Canary Current, other)
  - Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (High Seas)
- Discussion

The GEF is an independent financial organization which provides grants to developing countries and countries with economies in transition for projects related to biodiversity, climate change, international waters, land degradation, the ozone layer and persistent organic pollutants. These projects benefit the global environment, linking local, national and global environmental challenges and promoting sustainable livelihoods.

Since 1991, the GEF has allocated US\$9.2 billion, supplemented by more than US\$40 billion in cofinancing, for more than 2 700 projects. GEF was recently replenished at a level of US\$4.25 billion for the period July 2010 through June 2014. FAO is one of the 10 GEF agencies through which countries can access GEF funding. The role of FAO is to assist Member countries to develop, implement and manage GEF projects, working closely with national project proponents and stakeholders.

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